

~~SECRET~~

Approved For Release 2002/01/30 : CIA-RDP79R00890A001200040017-2

NSC BRIEFING

DOCUMENT NO. 22

NO CHANGE IN CLASS.

DATE: 1-21-80

DATE: 1-21-80

DATE: 1-21-80

DATE: 1-21-80

TURKEY

27 April 1960

- I. Political tensions on rise in Turkey..
 - A. Since early 1960, opposition Republican Peoples' Party (RPP), under former president Ismet Inonu--believing that Premier Adnan Menderes' government intended to call early national elections--has increased criticism of government and leaders have made political tours of country.
 - B. Menderes has attempted to restrict political activities of RPP leaders.
 1. On one occasion troops were used to block Inonu's movements.
 - C. Menderes apparently decided in early April against elections this spring and, on 18 April, Menderes-controlled legislature created parliamentary commission to investigate "illegal and subversive acts" of RPP.
 1. Commission immediately decreed suspension all political activity for 3 months and prohibited publication of reports on subjects under investigation.
- II. Neither RPP nor government appears anxious for showdown at this time and present situation is one of watchful waiting by both sides.
 - A. RPP leaders, however, intend to ignore ban on political activity.
 - B. Position of army--traditionally aloof from politics--is important
 1. Many field grade officers and some senior officers--those not owing their position to Menderes--are believed resentful of government's use of troops for internal political purposes.

Approved For Release 2002/01/30 : CIA-RDP79R00890A001200040017-2

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Approved For Release 2002/01/30 : CIA-RDP79R00890A001200040017-2

25X1C

III. Latest word as of this morning is that Inonu has been "suspended from 12 sessions" of the legislature for giving a "revolutionary speech." Other deputies received similar penalties.

Approved For Release 2002/01/30 : CIA-RDP79R00890A001200040017-2

~~SECRET~~